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BELIEVE MAO CHANGING ATTITUDE TOWARD MOSCOW

Hong Kong, 5 April -- According to some observers in Hong Kong, the 2 months Mao Tse-tung spent in Moscow were two of the most illuminating he had experienced anywhere. During this period, Mao realized the true nature of the Soviet attitude toward China, and after his return to Peiping, his political views changed.

Since his return Mao has not made any important speeches. At least, the Peiping radio station has not reported any such activity by Mao, although many written and verbal eulogies to everlasting Soviet friendship have been made by other important CCP leaders. To date, Mao has not made any public statement to the Chinese people on the new Sino-Soviet pact, nor has there been any public gatherings to welcome his return.

The following incident may reveal that Mao was not so impressed by Moscow. Recently, two important non-Communist personages visited Mao, and requested him to restudy the Chinese foreign policy of "leaning to one side" toward Moscow. Throughout the entire meeting Mao remained silent, which is considered quite significant. This is not the first time democratic persons have approached this subject of re-examining the foreign policy of "leaning to one side." During previous interviews, Mao had decidedly and vehemently opposed such a suggestion.

Recent new developments seem to correspond with a struggle on foreign policies within the CCP Politburo. It has been rumored that under the leadership of Vice-President Tung Pi-wu, a group of party members have opposed the international viewpoints adopted by the Communist leaders and came out in support of a foreign policy of Chinese neutrality and a closed door so that China may develop internally.

Political observers have suggested that the above turn of events may be due to Mao's failure to abrogate USSR special privileges in China and also the failure to secure adequate financial aid from the Soviet Union. After Mao's visit, which was his first, he realized, to his great disappointment that the Soviet Union's plan is that China should become a satellite in the Soviet orbit.

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